

Amendments of the Claims:

A detailed listing of all claims in the application is presented below. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. All claims being currently amended are submitted with markings to indicate the changes that have been made relative to immediate prior version of the claims. The changes in any amended claim are being shown by ~~striketrough~~ (for deleted matter) or underlined (for added matter).

1. (Currently Amended) An asset management system for managing a plurality of tangible assets by a remote user using a web browser, comprising

at least one or more stations security asset manager for receiving a tangible asset,

comprising:

an asset control system including means for receiving and releasing tangible assets, and

a web server coupled to the asset control system, and having system in each of the
stations an I/O unit coupled to the internet a communication medium,

wherein the web server system stores information regarding tangible asset transactions at the
between the stations and the tangible assets in the asset control management system
and the remote user can access and control ~~allows~~ the asset management system ~~to~~
~~be accessed~~ remotely by communication via the internet between the web browser
and the web server, via the communication medium and

~~wherein the server system in each of the stations independently determines whether~~
~~authorization to access the station is permitted.~~
2. (Currently Amended) The system as set forth in claim 1 wherein the web server system
permits the asset management system to be accessed based on one or more criteria.
3. (Currently Amended) The system as set forth in claim 2 wherein the web server system
permits the tangible assets to be removed from the ~~stations~~ security asset manager or
replaced to the ~~stations~~ security asset manager based on the one or more criteria.

4. (Currently Amended) The system as set forth in claim 2 ~~further comprising a remote system that provides the one or more criteria~~ are provided to the web server by the remote user via the web browser over the internet. ~~system.~~
5. (Original) The system as set forth in claim 2 wherein the one or more criteria comprises a user ID, a user password, and a user security access level.
6. (Currently Amended) The system as set forth in claim 1 wherein the web server ~~system~~ provides the web browser at the ~~a remote user over the internet-system~~ with the stored information regarding the transactions with the security asset manager. ~~stations.~~
7. (Currently Amended) The system as set forth in claim 1 wherein the web server ~~system~~ stores information describing the security asset manager ~~asset management system~~, the information comprising at least one of an identity, a location and an installation date of the security asset manager ~~asset management system~~.
8. (Currently Amended) The system as set forth in claim 1 wherein the stored transaction information comprises at least one of a location of ~~one or more of the stations~~ the security asset manager where one or more of the tangible assets were removed from or replaced to, an identity of the ~~stations~~ security asset manager where the tangible assets were removed from or replaced to, a date or time the tangible assets were removed, an identifier for each of the removed the tangible assets, and an identity of one or more users that removed the tangible assets.
9. (Currently Amended) The system as set forth in claim 1 wherein the web server ~~system~~ stores alarm information describing one or more alarm conditions to be satisfied to trigger an alarm of the asset management system.
10. (Currently Amended) The system as set forth in claim 9 wherein the web server ~~system~~ sounds the alarm of at least one of the asset management system and a remote system upon determining that the one or more alarm conditions have been satisfied.
11. (Currently Amended) The system as set forth in claim 1 wherein the web server ~~system~~ provides a the web browser at the remote user ~~system~~ with one or more graphical user

interfaces for accepting data used by the web server system to perform at least one of permitting the asset management system to be accessed, permitting the tangible assets to be removed from the security asset manager stations, permitting the tangible assets to be replaced to the security asset manager stations, setting alarm conditions, and storing information that describes the asset management system.

12. (Currently Amended) The system as set forth in claim 1 further comprising a user input interface coupled to the asset control system that receives user identification information associated with a request to access the asset management system.

13. (Original) The system as set forth in claim 12 wherein the user input interface further comprises an access control card reader, the requestor identification information being stored on an access card that is coupled to the access control card reader.

14. (Currently Amended) The system as set forth in claim 13 wherein the ~~server~~ asset control system converts the requestor identification information from a first format to a second format.

Cancel claims 15 through 42.

43. (Previously Presented) The system as set forth in claim 1 wherein the web server system ~~in at least one of the stations~~ monitors one or more environmental conditions acting on the tangible asset and stores information regarding the monitored environmental conditions which can be accessed by the remote user by the web browser over the internet. ~~remotely via the communication medium.~~

Cancel claims 44 and 45.

46. (Previously Presented) The system as set forth in claim 1 wherein the security asset manager ~~one or more stations~~ further comprises a ~~plurality of the stations with each of the stations having a housing containing an asset control system~~ for receiving the plurality of tangible assets and the web server, wherein access to the housing is controlled or monitored by the web server system.

Cancel claims 47 and 48.

49. (Previously Presented) The system as set forth in claim 43 wherein the one or more monitored environmental conditions comprises temperature.

Cancel claims 50 and 51.

52. (New) A method of managing a plurality of tangible assets received by at least one security asset manager, each asset manager comprising an asset control system including means for receiving and releasing tangible assets and a web server coupled to the asset control system, and having an I/O unit coupled to the internet, comprising:

storing information in the web server regarding tangible asset transactions at the asset control system, and

the web server communicating with the web browser at the remote user, such that the remote user can access and control the asset management system remotely by communication via the internet between the web browser and the web server.

53. (New) The method of claim 52, further comprising the web server permitting the asset management system to be accessed based on one or more criteria.

54. (New) The method of claim 53 further comprising the web server permitting the tangible assets to be removed from the security asset manager or replaced to the security asset manager based on the one or more criteria.

55. (New) The method of claim 53 further comprising providing the one or more criteria to the web server by the remote user via the web browser over the internet.

56. (New) The method of claim 53 wherein the one or more criteria comprises a user ID, a user password, and a user security access level.

57. (New) The method of claim 52 further comprising the web server providing the web browser at the remote user over the internet with the stored information regarding the transactions with the security asset manager.

58. (New) The method of claim 52 further comprising the web server storing information describing the security asset manager, the information comprising at least one of an identity, a location and an installation date of the security asset manager.
59. (New) The method of claim 52 wherein the stored transaction information comprises at least one of a location of the security asset manager where one or more of the tangible assets were removed from or replaced to, an identity of the security asset manager where the tangible assets were removed from or replaced to, a date or time the tangible assets were removed, an identifier for each of the removed the tangible assets, and an identity of one or more users that removed the tangible assets.
60. (New) The method of claim 52 further comprising the web server storing alarm information describing one or more alarm conditions to be satisfied to trigger an alarm of the asset management system.
61. (New) The method of claim 60 further comprising the web server sounding the alarm of at least one of the asset management system and a remote system upon determining that the one or more alarm conditions have been satisfied.
62. (New) The method of claim 52 further comprising the web server providing the web browser at the remote user with one or more graphical user interfaces for accepting data used by the web server to perform at least one of permitting the asset management system to be accessed, permitting the tangible assets to be removed from the security asset manager permitting the tangible assets to be replaced to the security asset manager, setting alarm conditions, and storing information that describes the asset management system.
63. (New) The method of claim 52 in which the security asset manager further comprises a user input interface coupled to the asset control system, and the method further comprises receiving user identification information associated with a request to access the asset management system.
64. (New) The method of claim 63 wherein the user input interface further comprises an access control card reader, the requestor identification information being stored on an access card that is coupled to the access control card reader.

65. (New) The method of claim 64 further comprising the web server converting the requestor identification information from a first format to a second format.
66. (New) The method of claim 52 further comprising the web server monitoring one or more environmental conditions acting on the tangible asset and storing information regarding the monitored environmental conditions.
67. (New) The method of claim 66 wherein the one or more monitored environmental conditions comprises temperature.
68. (New) The method of claim 52 wherein the security asset manager further comprises a housing for receiving the plurality of tangible assets and the web server, further comprising the web server controlling or monitoring access to the housing.